



COMMUNITY SUCCESS STORIES

Recruit Class 2021-1 Honor Young Girl Lost to Gun Violence

On August 20, 2021, Metropolitan Police Academy Recruit Class 2021-01 was privileged to visit Ingenuity Preparatory Charter School, located in the heart of the Seventh District, where they dropped off backpacks and school supplies in the memory of **Nyiah Courtney**. Nyiah was a six-year-old girl who died in a drive by shooting on Friday July 16, 2021.

Ms. **Naya Patterson** the Family and Community Engagement Manager expressed her thoughts on Nyiah Courtney and thanked the recruit class for their wonderful gesture of the school supplies and backpacks.

This moment of remembrance for Nyiah Courtney touched the lives of all who were surrounded by it and demonstrated the true meaning of com-



munity policing as we all are involved in Transferring Excellence within the communities we are responsible for serving and protecting.

Recruit Officers Le'Gene Rollins and Taria Taylor both took the lead on this project and helped make this happen and were both touched by this moment that was shared.

Submitted by Sr. Sergeant George F. O'Bryant, Jr.

OUR MISSION

It is the mission of the Metropolitan Police Department to safeguard the District of Columbia and protect its residents and visitors with the highest regard for the sanctity of human life. We will strive at all times to accomplish our mission with a focus on service, integrity, and fairness by upholding our city's motto *Iustitia Omnibus* — "Justice for All."

NATIONAL TERRORISM ADVISORY SYSTEM (NTAS)

There are no current alerts.

THE DISTRICT'S Most Wanted



Unknown (AKA "World") Homicide

CCN #21-115-301

» The identity of the **subject pictured above** is sought in connection with the a murder which occurred on August 16, 2021 in the 3800 block of South Capitol Street, SE. The subject goes by the street name, "World" and is known to frequent the Auto Zone in the 3900 block of South Capitol Street, SE.

» Contact Homicide **Detective Alexander Vogel** on (202) 815-6162 or **Detective James Phillips** on (202) 631-1424.

OFFICER ACCOLADES

Longtime Barracks Row Business Owner Grateful for MPD's Caring Support

Greetings Commander McLean:

My name is **Dr. Martina Washington**. For the past 24 years, I have been doing business on Barracks Row, Capitol Hill, as the sole owner and operator of the New Life Wellness Center.

As you know, the Coronavirus has taken its psychological hold on society. Especially during the 2020 nationwide shutdown, 8th Street became deserted of the normal busy operations as previously known prepandemic.

My business hours start at 5 AM, and as you can imagine, darkness abounds. As a woman coming into work unaccompanied, it has been unnerving to walk up while feeling unsafe. This necessitated that I reach out numerous times to the local precinct with requests for an escort to ensure my protection.

What impressed me most was that **Officers Ulises Fernandez and D. Marshall** became aware of my need and in a short period of time, they began to be there upon my arrival, unsolicited. After months of getting to know them, they now feel like family; which makes it odd calling them Officer Fernandez and Officer Marshall. Both gentlemen are always there when you need them with a kind word, hello, a wave, and a warm smile just to make sure you are at your comfort level, while being guarded.

In a world with increased tense relations between citizens and law enforcement, it is not often that you hear positive compliments about our police officers. Therefore, I wanted to take this moment to let you know that Offi-

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ROLL CALL TRAINING

The Importance of Mentoring

Video: www.lexipol.com/resources/todays-tips/the-importance-of-mentoring



Special Olympics
District of Columbia



36th Annual Special Olympics DC

Law Enforcement Torch Run

Friday September 24, 2021

Check in: 11:00 am

Start Time: 12:00 noon

Historic Congressional Cemetery | 1801 E St SE

Join us as DC law enforcement leads the way in a 5K Run/Walk. Show your support for Special Olympics DC athletes!

Register online today! www.dctorchrun.org

Register your team and raise funds to provide year-round sports, health and inclusion programs for over 2500 DC residents with intellectual disabilities. With your help, we can get more Special Olympics athletes in the game!

\$25 registration includes commemorative 2021 Torch Run t-shirt, music, and snacks at the finish line!

For more information, contact 202-704-2704 or fundraising@specialolympicsdc.org

For t-shirt pick-up, visit our office: Special Olympics DC - 415 Michigan Ave. NE, Ground Level Washington, DC 20017



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cer Fernandez and Officer Marshall are among Metropolitan Police Department's top ranks as your greatest ones.

In closing, Commander McLean, I wanted to personally express my appreciation towards Officer Fernandez and Officer Marshall, along with the other officers along the 8th Street

Corridor who exhibit unwavering willingness to religiously protect us and keep us from harm. Simply said, we would not know what to do without them. On behalf of our Barracks Row Capitol Hill family, we are grateful, and wanted you to know.

Thank you for your attention to this matter!
—Dr. Martina Washington

» IN BRIEF «

Free Kayak Tour on September 25 for MPD Members and Families

Team River Runner's Southern Maryland Chapter is offering a free kayaking tour for MPD members and their families on Saturday, September 25 from 8:45 AM to 11 AM. The event will be held at Smallwood State Park, Sweden Point Marina in Marbury, Maryland.

Space is limited, so make your reservation at www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0C45ADA92BA2F9C25-thank. Questions? Call **Joni Ramsey** on (937) 285-0591.

All kayaks, paddles, life jackets, and instruction provided at no charge, or bring your own. Wear sturdy shoes that can get wet and bring sunscreen, a hat, sunglasses, plenty of water, face mask, and hand sanitizer. Dress for the weather. Annual and COVID waivers must be signed before attending.

Submitted by Detective Jeffrey Weber



Join the MPD Hockey Squad

Want to pretend you are Alex Ovechkin? Join the MPDC hockey team. We play in a first responder league on Friday mornings. If you are interested, email either **Detective Andrew Gamm** at andrew.gamm@dc.gov or **Sergeant Michael Barbieri** at Michael.Barbieri@dc.gov. Season starts September 10, so reach out fast.

Submitted by Det. Andrew Gamm

IN MEMORIAM

The Department regrets to announce the August 13 passing of **Officer Vazena L. Chapman**, who served from November 2000 to January 2021, last assigned to the Fifth District.

SERVICE INFORMATION

September 1, 2021
House of Praise
5110 Nannie Helen Burroughs Avenue, NE

VIEWING: 9 AM
SERVICE: 11 AM

INTERMENT:
Mt. Olivet Cemetery
1300 Bladensburg Road, NE